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SUBJECT: CEYLONese CANDIDACY FOR INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION'S (IPU)

1. MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MDFA) HAS SENT DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO EMBASSY REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM U.S. GROUP OF IPU FOR CANDIDACY OF MAITHRIPALA SENANAYEKE, LEADER OF NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY AND MINISTER OF IRRIGATION, POWER AND HIGHWAYS, FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF IPU. NOTE SAYS ELECTION IS FOR ONE OF TWO SEATS WHICH WILL FALL VACANT WITH EXPIRY OF TERMS OF RUSSIAN AND SWISS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE AND WILL BE HELD DURING OCTOBER 2-11 MEETING OF IPU IN TOKYO. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SRI LANKA GROUP OF IPU TOOK DECISION TO SEEK ELECTION TO COMMITTEE.

2. IN SUPPORT OF CANDIDATURE NOTE STATES THAT LAST CEYLONese ON COMMITTEE (ASLO SENANAYEKE) WAS ELECTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE DURING 1964-66 PERIOD. CEYLONese ARE ANXIOUS TO GET THIS POSITION AS SPRING 1975 MEETING OF IPU IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN COLOMBO. CURRICULUM VITAE ENCLOSED WITH NOTE INDICATES SENANAYEKE HAS OFTEN ATTENDED IPU MEETINGS BEGINNING IN 1951.

3. AS CEYLONese DELEGATION WILL BE LEAVING IN ABOUT ONE
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WEEK TO ATTEND MEETING REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE US WITH

GUIDANCE TO ANSWER MDFA NOTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND, IN
ANY EVENT, NO LATER THAN OPENING OF BUSINESS COLOMBO TIME
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